

Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) An ethanol insoluble part derived from a water Extract of the root or stem of Acanthopanax koreanum for treatment of hepatitis or protection of liver by inhibiting apoptosis of a liver cell, wherein the ethanol insoluble part is comprised of polysaccharide with a molecular weight larger than range of 12,000~14,000, and,

wherein said ethanol insoluble part is prepared by a process comprising the steps of:

1) obtaining said water extract of the root or stem of Acanthopanax koreanum prepared by extracting Acanthopanax koreanum with water;

2) adding ethanol to the water solution to produce the aqueous ethanol solution, wherein the final concentration of ethanol in the aqueous ethanol solution is between 50% and 90%;

3) centrifuging the aqueous ethanol solution to precipitate;and,

4) filtering the ethanol insoluble part precipitated in the aqueous ethanol solution to obtain the ethanol insoluble part.

~~containing a water extract obtained by mixing the root or stem of Acanthopanax koreanum with water and extracting said water extract, for treatment of hepatitis, or for~~

~~protection of liver by inhibiting apoptosis of a liver cell.~~

2. (canceled) ~~The extract of claim 1, wherein the extract contains an ethanol insoluble part obtained by treating said water extract with ethanol.~~

3. (canceled) ~~The extract of claim 2, wherein said ethanol insoluble part contains a fraction containing polysaccharide with a molecular weight larger than range of 12,000-14,000.~~

4. (currently amended) The ethanol insoluble part ~~extract~~ of claim 21, wherein said ethanol insoluble part ~~contains a fraction containing~~ is comprised of polysaccharide with a molecular weight larger than 100,000.

5. (canceled) ~~The extract of claim 2, wherein said ethanol insoluble part contains said ethanol insoluble part of which the final concentration of ethanol is in between 50 and 90%.~~

6. (currently amended) The ethanol insoluble part ~~The extract~~ of claim 21, wherein ~~said extract contains said ethanol insoluble part of which~~ the final concentration of ethanol in step 3) is 80%.

7. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of hepatitis containing the ethanol insoluble part ~~extract of *Acanthopanax koreanum*~~ of any of claims 1, 4 and 6 ~~to claim 4~~.

8. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition for protection of liver by inhibiting apoptosis containing the ethanol insoluble part ~~extract of *Acanthopanax koreanum*~~ of any of claims 1, 4 and 6 ~~to claim 4~~.

9. (currently amended) A TNF- α inhibitor containing the

ethanol insoluble part ~~extract of *Acanthopanax koreanum*~~ of any of
claims 1, 4 and 6 ~~to claim 4~~.

10. (currently amended) A Health supplementary food
containing the ethanol insoluble part ~~extract of *Acanthopanax*~~
~~*koreanum*~~ of any of claims 1, 4 and 6 ~~to claim 4~~.